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OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2, 2007

11. (U) Below is a compilation of Economic highlights from Embassy  
New Delhi for the week of October 29 - November 2, 2007.

INDIAN PARLIAMENT INVITES PUBLIC  
TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2007  
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12. (U) In the Monsoon Session of its Parliament, the GOI introduced  
The Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2007 reflecting accession to the  
Madrid Protocol. The Bill has been referred to the  
Department-related parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce for  
public comment, examination, and report. The Bill is likely to pass  
in the Budget session of the Indian Parliament in February 2008.

13. (U) The main provisions of the Amendment Bill include: (i)  
prescribing a period of 18 months for the registration of  
trademarks, in line with the provisions of the Madrid Protocol; (ii)  
incorporating enabling provisions for accession to the Madrid  
Protocol, including empowering the Trade Marks Registrar to deal  
with all applications (international and originating from India);  
(iii) reducing the time-period for filing a notice of opposition to  
published applications, from four months to three months; (iv)  
simplifying the law relating to transfer of ownership of trademarks  
and bringing the law generally in line with international practice  
and modern business needs; and (v) removing redundant special  
provisions for textile goods.

MONSANTO CORN SEEDS TO BOOST  
MAIZE PRODUCTION IN THE SOUTH  
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14. (U) Monsanto India Limited entered into a Memorandum of  
Understanding with the GoI-owned National Seeds Corporation to  
market hybrid corn seeds. Christopher Samel, Senior Manager at  
Monsanto told Consulate Chennai that two varieties (Dekalb double  
and Dekalb Prabal) are expected to double productivity in the  
corn-growing belt in the states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

These two states account for over 30 percent of India's corn production.

NEW BANGALORE AIRPORT ACCESS  
RAIL AND ROAD LINKS UNFINISHED  
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¶5. (SBU) Access roads to Bangalore's new international airport will likely not be ready when the facility, located about 35 kilometers north of the city, goes into operation in March 2008. V.P. Baligar (Secretary of Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka) told Consulate Chennai that problems in land acquisition had hindered road construction.

¶6. (SBU) The Secretary of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce told Consulate Chennai that a meeting organized by the Chamber on October 30 brought together project promoters, government officials, and customers to discuss the issue of access to the airport. He said most of the attendees came away with the impression that the government clearly had no plan to expedite road construction, which, at its current pace, would take another two years to complete. Some of the business leaders at the meeting told the group that it could take nearly four hours to drive to the airport with the current road configuration. Some attendees noted that it would be easier to drive to the existing airport and take a helicopter to the new one, rather than drive to it. The government officials at the meeting said nothing to dispute this analysis.

¶7. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website:  
<http://www.state.sgov/p/sa/newdelhi>

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